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Marion County Prosecutor's Office to host free landlord training

One-day seminar addresses how to keep rental property free from criminal activity

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry announced today that the Marion County Prosecutor's Office will hold a series of landlord training.

The MCPO's Landlord Training Program is a free, one-day instructional seminar programs for landlords and property managers that provides best practices on preventing and maintaining crime-free properties. During the eight-hour course, landlords learn about screening applicants, preparing rental agreements, addressing gang activity and resolving crises. The seminar also focuses on how to identify illegal narcotics, such as cannabis and cocaine, in order to better mitigate crime in and around rental properties.

Participants will also learn tips on how to repair and maintain properties through the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). CPTED is a multi-jurisdictional team of 37 Marion County public safety practitioners who create specialized inspections for every property based on a variety of environmental factors. These inspections are offered free of charge to the public and are performed by certified CPTED practitioners.

"Our Landlord Training Program provides landlords and property managers with concrete ways to prevent illegal activity, which ultimately contributes to safer neighborhoods," said Prosecutor Curry. "Whether you own one property or several, I encourage all landlords to take advantage of the free resources that our Community Prosecution Division has assembled in this training session."

Landlord training will be offered at the following locations. Sessions run from 8 a.m. to5 p.m. All locations listed below have donated their facilities for the training:

- July 21, 2012 at the Warren Township Trustees' Office, 501 N. Post Rd.
- July 25, 2012 at IMPD East District Headquarters, 210 N. Shadeland Ave.
- Aug. 22, 2012 at the Warren Township Trustees' Office, 501 N. Post Rd.

- Aug. 25, 2012 at the Warren Township Trustees' Office, 501 N. Post Rd.
- **Sept. 19, 2012** at the La Quinta Inn, I-465 and S. Emerson Ave.
- Sept. 22, 2012 at the Warren Township Trustees' Office, 501 N. Post Rd.

Landlord Training is an initiative of the MCPO's Community Prosecution Division, which works at the neighborhood level to address crime and other quality of life issues. This program since 1996 has provided landlords with the tools necessary to improve their properties and create a safer community.

For more information about the Landlord Training Program, please visit the Prosecutor's Office page at www.indy.gov, or contact Charles Wheeler at (317) 327-1406 or Charles.Wheeler2@indy.gov.